



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII  
726 MINNESOTA AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

MAY 12 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Daniel Steen  
OHIO EDISON  
76 South Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308

Dear Mr. Steen:

Re: PCB Treatment, Inc., Superfund Site  
Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri

As you are aware from previous communication, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the PCB Treatment, Inc., site. The EPA has spent, or is considering spending, public funds on actions to investigate and control such releases or threatened releases at the site. Unless EPA reaches an agreement under which a potentially liable party or parties will properly perform or finance such actions, EPA may perform these actions pursuant to Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). Under Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9606(a) and 9607(a), potentially liable parties may be ordered to perform response actions deemed necessary by EPA to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment, and may be liable for all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or threatened release at the site. Such actions and costs may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for conducting an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA), conducting a

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Site:	PCB
ID #	MOD063670350
Break:	11.06
Other:	Ohio Edison Co.

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Daniel Steen  
Ohio Edison  
76 South Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308

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removal action, and other investigation, planning, response, oversight, and enforcement activities. In addition, potentially liable parties may be required to pay for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, including the cost of assessing such damages.

The EPA has evaluated information in connection with the investigation of the site. Based on this information, EPA believes that you are a potentially responsible party (PRP) with respect to this site. PRPs under CERCLA include current and former owners and operators of the site as well as persons who arranged for disposal or treatment of hazardous substances sent to the site, or persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport to the site. By this letter, EPA notifies you of your potential liability with regard to this matter for the costs associated with investigation and cleanup of this site.

You were notified of your potential responsibility in connection with this site by a General Notice Letter, dated October 31, 1997. Your involvement at the site was the result of oil shipments. Oil from your transformers, contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), was shipped to the site by S.D. Myers. A summary of the volume of substances contributed by you has been prepared. This summary is based upon information obtained from facility records, the information request response from S.D. Myers, and your response to a CERCLA information request letter. **Please examine the Waste-in Summary Report enclosed in this letter carefully, as your ranking with respect to the total waste contributed to the site will be based on this information.** If you believe that there is an error in the enclosed information regarding the volume of materials you sent to the site, please provide EPA's representative listed below with documentation which demonstrates why you believe there is an error. This documentation must be sent to EPA within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice letter. Please send any documentation to:

Pauletta France-Isetts  
U.S. EPA Region VII  
Superfund Division  
726 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The PCB Treatment, Inc., Superfund site (the "site") consists of two buildings and the surrounding areas which were operated by waste disposal companies during the 1980s. These companies received waste shipments of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). PCBs are chemicals which were formerly used in electrical equipment to prevent overheating. The companies operated at two locations. One building is located in Kansas City, Missouri, and the other building is located in Kansas City, Kansas. The facilities obtained a permit pursuant to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to process and dispose of waste PCBs; however, due to regulatory violations and releases of PCBs at the facilities, the permit was not renewed and the facilities ceased operations in 1986. Efforts to complete closure and cleanup of the facilities under TSCA proved unsuccessful due to financial and technical reasons, and the facilities were abandoned. Because of the extensive residual PCB contamination, the facilities were referred to the Superfund program to be addressed using CERCLA authorities.

Over 1,500 parties sent materials containing PCBs to the site. These materials included transformers, capacitors, PCB oil, regulators, debris, and other miscellaneous equipment. Due to the large number of parties, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) anticipates that a number of parties may qualify for "de minimis" settlements, pursuant to Section 122(g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(g). Under this provision of CERCLA and the policies EPA has developed under this provision, certain parties who contributed a relatively small portion of the waste to a site may resolve their liability for site costs by paying a cash settlement. The EPA anticipates offering such settlements to many of the parties at this site. Before offering such settlements, EPA would like to ensure that volumetric and cost information is accurate. Cost information will not be available

until EPA selects a response action at the conclusion of the EE/CA process. Therefore, EPA will notify all parties at a later date of:

- 1) the allocation formula to be used to calculate the appropriate cost share; and
- 2) the names of the parties who will be offered *de minimis* settlements.

It is not necessary to contact EPA in response to this letter unless you have questions concerning the Waste-in Summary Report enclosed. The EPA will send notification at a later date regarding parties eligible for *de minimis* settlements. In addition, an information update will be sent to all parties upon completion of the EE/CA. This update will also contain information regarding initiation of negotiations for performance of removal activities.

If you have any questions, please call (913) 551-7018 and leave a message. Because of the large number of parties involved at this site, EPA has set up a voice message system at this number that is specifically dedicated to callers who need information on this site. Please leave a message at this number, and an EPA employee will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Pauletta R. France-Isetts  
Remedial Project Manager  
Missouri/Kansas Remedial Branch  
Superfund Division

Enclosure

cc: Randy Carlson, KDHE (one letter w/list of recipients)  
Candice Hamil, MDNR (one letter w/list of recipients)  
Russell Selman, Katten Muchin & Zavis (one letter w/list of recipients)

**PCB TREATMENT, INC.  
WASTE-IN SUMMARY REPORT FOR  
Ohio Edison**

**General information:**

**ID:** 51033  
**Name:** Ohio Edison  
**Contact:** Daniel Steen  
**Address:** 76 South Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308  
**Phone:** 216-384-5151

**Counsel:**

**Other Name:**

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**Waste-Information by Manifest:**

**Manifest: 3952**

**Capacitor Weight Total:** 0  
**Transformer Weight Total:** 0  
**Regulator Weight Total:** 0

**Broker:**

**Miscellaneous Weight Total:** 0  
**Oil Weight Total:** 3,658  
**Debris Weight Total:** 0  
**Manifest Weight Total:** 3,658

**Manifest: 3847**

**Capacitor Weight Total:** 0  
**Transformer Weight Total:** 0  
**Regulator Weight Total:** 0

**Broker:**

**Miscellaneous Weight Total:** 0  
**Oil Weight Total:** 2,090  
**Debris Weight Total:** 0  
**Manifest Weight Total:** 2,090

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**TOTAL WASTE-IN (POUNDS): 5,748**

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